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SUBJECT: TWO USGS MOUS WITH BRAZILIAN UNIVERSITIES APPROVED BY GOVERNMENT OF BRAZIL FOR SIGNATURE

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¶1. Reftel authorizes Post to seek Government of Brazil (GOB) authorization to sign two previously negotiated Memorandum of Understanding, between the U.S. Geological Survey (USGS) and the Geoscience Institute of the University of Brasilia and USGS and the Federal University of Rio Grande do Norte.

¶2. In a letter received February 28, 2007, the Ministry of Science and Technology indicated that it had analyzed the MOUs and does not oppose the signing of the documents. The letter indicated that there is a need to standardize the text of both MOUs in Article V, which refers to Intellectual Property. The Article V in the MOU should be in accordance with the terms established in the U.S.-Brazil S&T agreement. (For your reference, the S&T agreement will be sent to you electronically.)

¶3. The letter concludes by saying that the universities have the autonomy to sign their own international documents. It was signed by Paulo Rogerio Goncalves, Director, International Relations, MCT.

¶4. This office will be happy to facilitate a signing, or USGS and the universities may choose to organize the signing independent of Embassy Brasilia.

¶5. Congratulations on this long await authorization.

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